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SUBJ: 19TH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON
CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. SUMMARY: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ON NONFAT DRY MILK
AND MILK FAT MET MARCH 18, DISCUSSED TIGHT MARKET SITUATION
AND RECENT INCREASE US IMPORT QUOTAS FOR NONFAT DRY MILK.
IN RESPONSE TO EC INQUIRY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BOTH
SAID THEY INTENDED FULFILL QUOTAS ALLOTTED TO THEM. NEXT
MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WAS SET FOR JUNE 19,
1974. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIR (LUCQ) IN OPENING DISCUSSION MARKET SITUATION
RECALLED US RECENTLY AUTHORIZED IMPORTATION ADDITIONAL
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115 MILLION POUNDS NONFAT DRY MILK UNTIL JUNE 30. EC

ASKED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WHETHER THEY EXPECT
FILL QUOTA ALLOTTED TO THEM. BOTH SAID YES. EC ALSO
REMARKED THEY WILL FILL LARGE PORTION QUOTAS ALLOTTED
TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. AUSTRALIA SAID SITUATION CONTINUES TIGHT. RECENT
F.O.B. PRICES RANGED \$780 TO 830 PER METRIC TON WELL
ABOVE MINIMUM SET IN AGREEMENT. EXPECT PRODUCE SOME
140 THOUSAND METRIC TONS SKIM MILK POWDER DURING 1973-74
MARKETING YEAR.

4. EC REPORTED STOCKS OF SKIM MILK POWDER FEBRUARY 26
STOOD AT 230 THOUSAND METRIC TONS INCLUDING PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE STOCKS DOWN FROM 265 THOUSAND METRIC TONS END
1973. EC ALSO REPORTED ABOLISHING RESTITUTIONS TO ALL
DESTINATIONS AS OF MARCH 8.

5. DISCUSSIONS ON MILK FAT CENTERED ON DIFFICULTIES PROVIDE
STATISTICS BECAUSE PROBLEM SEPARATION FROM BUTTER.

6. COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED EARLIER JAPANESE PROPOSAL
MAJOR EXPORTERS PROVIDE DATA ON PRODUCTION COSTS AND IF
THIS NOT POSSIBLE WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SKIM MILK POWDER.
MOST SPEAKERS CITED DIFFICULTIES PROVIDING PRODUCTION
COSTS ON GROUND RELUCTANCE MANUFACTURERS DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL
DATA. NO PROBLEM WAS ENVISAGED SUPPLYING PRICES AT
WHOLESALE LEVEL.

7. THE EC PROPOSED THAT MEMBERS ALSO SUPPLY PRICE
INFORMATION ONCOMPETING PRODUCTS SUCH AS VEGETABLE
AND ANIMAL FATS AND OILS. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
EMPHASIZED COMPLEX NATURE OF PROBLEM WHICH GOES FAR
BEYOND SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION OF SAY PALM OIL FOR MILK FAT
IN RECOMBINING PLANTS. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED ISSUE BE
BROUGHT UP AGAIN NEXT MEETING AND SECRETARIAT WILL QUOTE
EXPLORETHIS SITUATION UNQUOTE. (LUCQ SUBSEQUENTLY
TOLD US OBERSERVER (THUROCZY) THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT
WAS BEHIND EC CALL FOR THIS INFORMATION, AND THAT HE
THOUGHT EC MAY HAVE RAISED MATTER WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.
HE SAID GATT SEC WILL PREPARE A QUOTE INNOCENT UNQUOTE
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PAPER FOR THE NEXT MEETING.)

8. NEXT MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WAS SET
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